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Sir:

We, Reza Tayrani and Clifford Meyers, hereby declare that we are the inventors of the EFFICIENT BROADBAND SWITCHING-MODE AMPLIFIER disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of an invention disclosure, which shows that the invention was conceived by us on or before August 29, 2002. We worked diligently on the invention from conception until the application was filed October 17, 2003.

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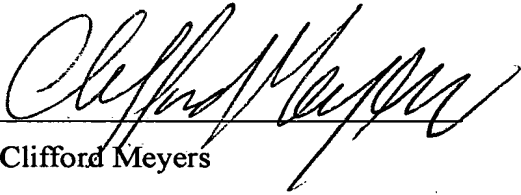
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A Highly Efficient Broadband Class E Push-Pull Amplifier

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9. DEPARTMENT MANAGER COMMENTS TO PATENT EVALUATION COMMITTEE

This invention introduces a new class of broadband switching mode push-pull high power, high efficiency amplifier that utilizes a miniature wideband slot-line balun. Such highly efficient HPAs are needed for many defense and commercial applications including Spaced Based Radar (SBR) and digital RF transmitters based on Delta-Sigma DSP controlled chip sets.

Dr. Reza Tayrani's invention provides an elegant solution by utilizing a new class of miniature broadband baluns that are suitable for direct integration in the GaAs MMIC technology. By applying this device and a unique design methodology for the design of switching mode power amplifiers, highly efficient HPAs can be designed. By applying these highly efficient HPAs to our avionics systems, Raytheon will be able to demonstrate a leadership position in reducing cost, size, and weight of the Raytheon phased array radar systems.

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Low cost, low weight, broadband and highly efficient HPAs are critical components of any advanced T/R modules for applications in phased array spaced based radar and other avionic systems where efficiency is a premium. Successful deployment of these modules are important to our major avionics programs including F/A18 AESA and MESA.

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A. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

This invention introduces a new class of broadband highly efficient push-pull HPAs that are based on the unique properties of uniplanar slotline T-junctions and the switching mode operation of the GaAs amplifiers. Currently, highly efficient (~ 80-90%) microwave and RF power amplifiers do not exist due to several design and implementation issues that have been addressed in this disclosure.

B. PRIOR ATTEMPTS OF OTHERS TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM

The prior attempts of others to solve this problem is rather limited in the GaAs MMIC technology mainly due to the following reasons:

1. The microwave balun is a complex device to realize in GaAs MMIC technology and therefore the prior arts have yielded a limited bandwidth and a high insertion loss at X-band.
2. Published data on push-pull amplifiers show that they are operated as amplifiers in such classes as A, B or C with the PAE (power added efficiency) of less than 50% at X-band.

C. HOW YOUR INVENTION SOLVED THIS PROBLEM

Our approach to the design of a broadband push-pull highly efficient (PAE 80%) amplifier would eliminate the above mentioned performance limitations by:

- 1- Utilizing a new slotline blun which has a demonstrated low loss(<1 dB) and a broad frequency band (1-20 GHz).
- 2- By designing the amplifiers to operate in a highly efficient switching mode (class-E), we have shown PAE >90% at S-band and 70% at X-band can be achieved.
- 3- By utilizing these two unique design approaches in conjunction with the MMIC technology, a new generation of highly efficient HPAs can be offered. These HPAs are enabling componenets suitable for insertion in spaced based radar and other avionics systems where efficiency is a premium.





D. WHY YOU BELIEVE THAT THE INVENTION IS NEW (Specifically point out all novel features)

To our knowledge, after extensive literature search, we have been unable to find a similar circuit concept. The unique features of our approach are:

- 1- A new design methodology, especially suitable for switching mode amplifiers . The four step design is based on time domain and Harmonic Balance analysis of the entire push-pull class-E HPA.
- 2- Utilization of a new miniature slotline balun suitable for integration in GaAs MMIC technology.
- 3- Design the amplifier for operation in a highly efficient switching mode (class-E) rather than class A, B, or C.

14. DETAILED DESCRIPTION.

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This invention introduces a new class of highly efficient, tunable push-pull Class-E (switching mode) High Power Amplifiers (HPAs). Such highly efficient HPAs are needed for many defense and commercial applications including Spaced Based Radar (SBR) and digital RF transmitters based on Delta-Sigma DSP controlled chip sets.

The limited available published data on the monolithic push-pull amplifiers show that the majority of these designs are based on class A, B, A-B or C. The power added efficiency (PAE) for these classes of amplifiers are inherently low due to the power dissipation within the active device and within the 180 degrees combining circuit (balun) used as part of the HPA's output matching network (OMN). Typical PAE of around 50% at X-band have been reported by several authors. However, such low PAE is not suitable for SBR applications where PAE of more 70% is desirable. Prior attempts of others to solve this problem have not been successful due to the followings:

1. The microwave baluns used thus far in push-pull HPAs are complex topology circuits and are found to be quite lossy when realized in GaAs MMIC technology. The prior arts have demonstrated wide operational bandwidth at the expense of a rather high circuit insertion loss (2 dB at X-band). However, as shown in Figure 1, the balun circuit loss drastically reduces amplifier's PAE.

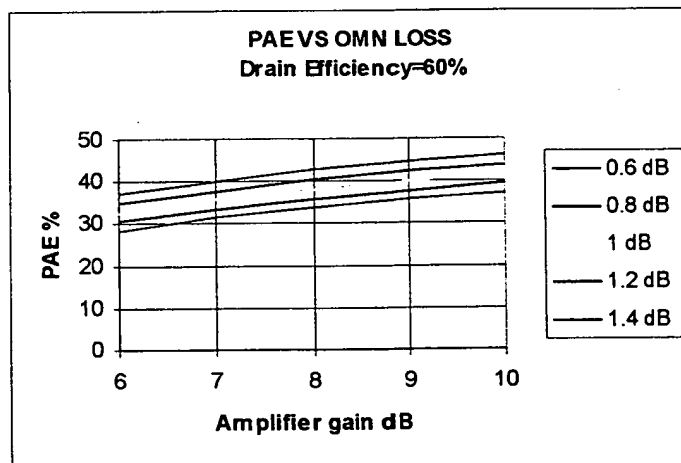


Figure 1: Amplifier PAE as a function of gain for different values of output matching network (including balun)

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2. The push-pull amplifiers designed based on class A, B, A-B or C, (generally known as current-source amplifiers) suffer from low inherent PAE due to the overlapping voltage & current waveforms at the device terminals. This mode of operation causes power dissipation within the device, hence lower efficiency.

Our design approach would eliminate the above mentioned performance limitations by employing the following three major concepts (claims) that have not been used in prior arts for the design of broadband push-pull highly efficient (PAE 80%) amplifiers:

Claim No.1

1- The amplifiers are designed to operate in the switching mode (class-E) operation with demonstrated performance of PAE >90% at S-band and 70% at X-band.

Under ideal conditions, class-E amplifiers operate as a perfect switch with no overlapping voltage & current waveforms at the device terminals, thereby dissipating zero power (100% collector or drain efficiency) as depicted in Figure 2. Other classes of amplifiers operate as a current-source with overlapping voltage & current waveforms and hence lower efficiency.

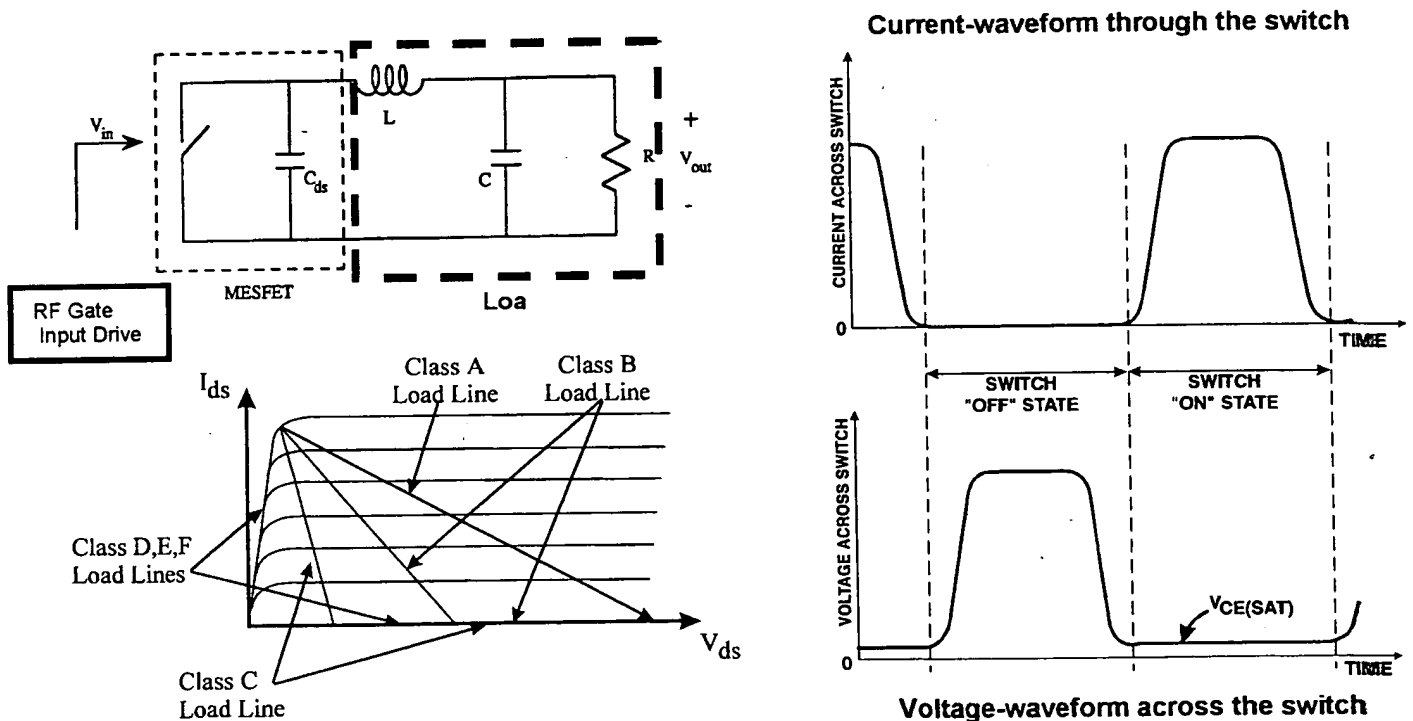
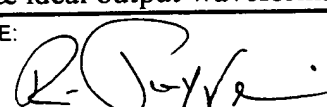

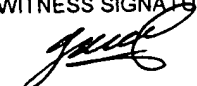


Figure 2: Ideal switching mode class-E amplifier topology showing ideal switching device (MESFET and the ideal class-E load) & ideal output waveforms.

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We have developed a simple, yet accurate, design methodology for successful realization of switching mode, class-E high efficiency power amplifiers. Furthermore, a technique for modifying pHEMT large-signal model has been developed that yields a more accurate modeling of switching mode amplifiers. Our proposed circuit design and simulations includes time domain analysis, Harmonic Balance analysis, and large signal stability analysis. The robust design methodology has yielded two first pass design successes achieving world record class-E HPA performances.

- The first successful design and fabrication of a highly efficient S-band monolithic CPW class-E amplifier that employs a 0.3 μm x 1000 μm pHEMT. As shown in Figure 3, the amplifier measured performance shows a peak Power Added Efficiency (PAE) of more than 90% and a peak output power of greater than 23 dBm at 3.25 GHz.
- The first successful design and fabrication of an X-band monolithic high efficiency class-E amplifier that employs a 0.3 μm x 600 μm pHEMT. As shown in Figure 4, the amplifier's measured performance shows a peak Power Added Efficiency (PAE) of 63% at 10.6 GHz and a constant output power of greater than 24 dBm together with a gain of 10 dB over 9-11 GHz.

Monolithic Class-E HPAs

Present Technical Status- **S band Performance**

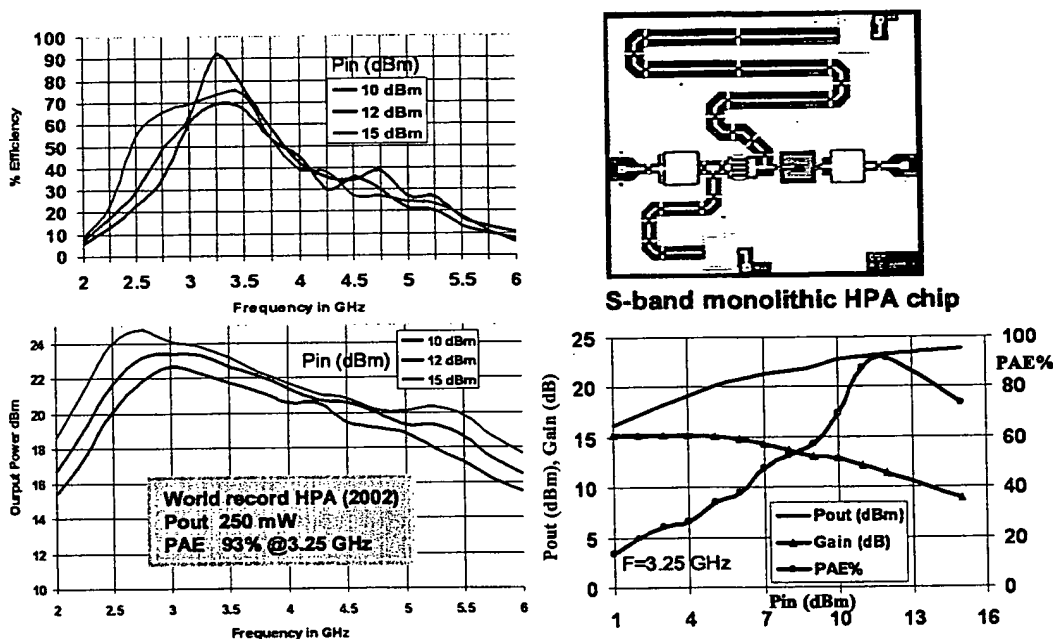


Figure 3: Measured performance of class-E S-band HPA

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Monolithic Class-E HPAs

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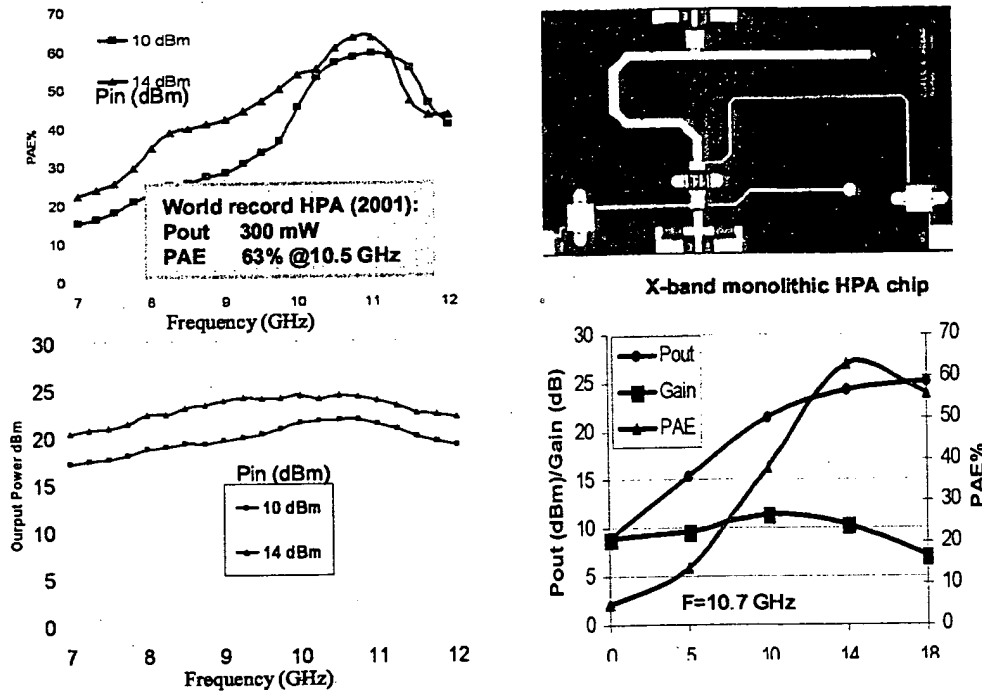


Figure 4: Measured performance of class-E X-band HPA

Claim No.2

- The push-pull amplifier design is based on utilizing a novel miniature low-loss slotline balun having an insertion loss of <1 dB at X-band and <0.5 dB at S-band.

This novel miniature balun eliminates the usage of an ordinary 180 degrees hybrid (balun) for power splitting and combining purposes, thereby reducing the associated circuit loss which results in a compact and highly efficient push-pull HPA. . Our proposed miniature balun has demonstrated an ultra broad bandwidth performance from dc to 10.0 GHz. The balun shown in Figure 5 has been optimized for minimum loss of 0.5 dB across 2-6 GHz frequency band. Several slotline balun were designed, fabricated and measured to demonstrate the usefulness of this invention. These miniature broadband baluns are simple to fabricate and easy to integrate with SiGe or GaAs technologies.

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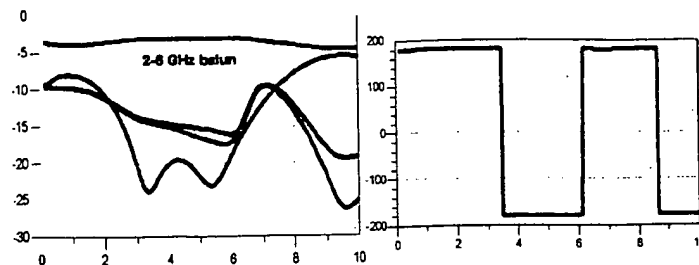
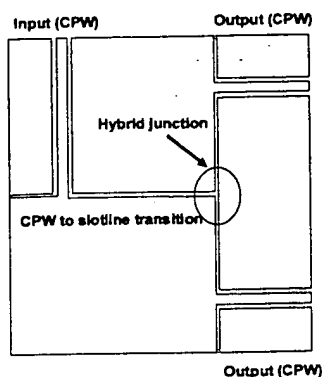


Figure 5: Miniature balun with integrated CPW to slotline transitions (0.5 x0.5 mm)

Claim No.3

- Thin film Barium strontium titanate (BST) is used as tunable capacitor to tune the class-E HPA's load for operation over a broad bandwidth.

Raytheon Infrared Operations (RIO) has developed the materials and processes necessary to fabricate high quality barium strontium titanate (BST) varactors using a spin-on MOD (Metal Organic Decomposition) process. Typical tunability range is greater than 5 to 1 with a control voltage range of 0 to 30 volts dc. Typical "Q" is much greater than 100 at 30 MHz. Raytheon has fabricated a wide variety of plate capacitors with values ranging from 15 pF to 2200pF. These devices have been tested at frequencies up to 1 GHz. Other types of capacitor structures such as co-planar and interdigitated designs can be fabricated using this process. Such structures would be appropriate for microwave applications.

For example, Figure 6 shows a tunability curve for an MIM BST varactor, with a 160nm thickness and an active area of 20x100 microns. The capacitance density in this case is $\sim 32\text{fF}/\mu\text{m}^2$ (dielectric constant of ~ 580) which is nearly a factor of 100 larger than a typical SiN capacitor! The measured tunability is over 6:1 in the 0-20V range (the breakdown voltage for this device is 22V).

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	GaAs	BS	MEM
Tunability (at high)	Mediu (2-5:1 typ)	Hig (6-1 typ)	Lo (<1.5:1)
RF (Q)	Goo (Q<60typ)	Goo (Q<60typ)	Very (Q<200)
Control	<10V (unipola)	< -20V (bipolar)	40-90 V (bipolar)
Tunin Spee	Fast	Fast	Slo
Powe Handlin	Poo	Excellent	Goo
IMD	Poo	Excellent	Excellent
Packagin	Hermetic	Surface	Hermetic
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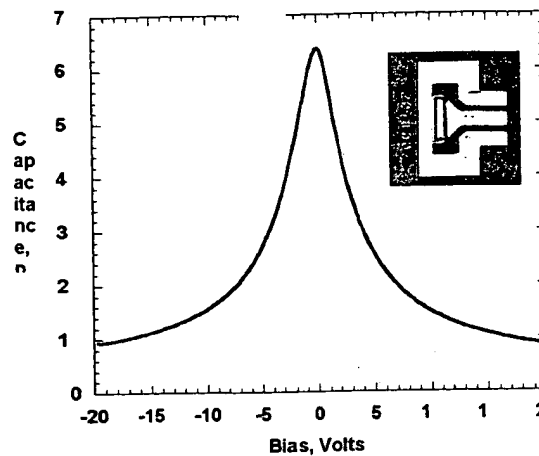


Figure 6. (Left) Comparison of Characteristics of BST Varactors with GaAs Varactors and MEMs. (Right) Capacitance Variation (pF) versus Bias (Volts) for a 20x100 um BST MIM Varactor Fabricated with a 160nm Thickness.

Claim No.4

- By utilizing the above three aforementioned claims and in conjunction with the useful properties of MMIC technology, a new generation of highly efficient HPAs can be designed. These HPAs are suitable for insertion in SBR and other avionics systems where efficiency is a paramount premium.

The push-pull HPA has a number of advantages over single-ended amplifiers, including the potential for broadband performance and twice the output power of a single-ended amplifier. The push-pull HPA architecture is shown in Figure 7. The input power is split and fed in anti-phase to the two pHEMTs through the miniature low-loss slotline balun which was described under claim # 2. Figure 8, shows the fabricated balun realized on Alumina substrates.

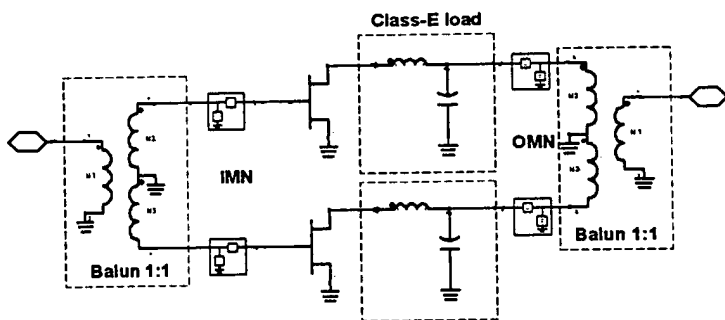


Figure 7. Proposed non-tunable class-E push-pull HPA

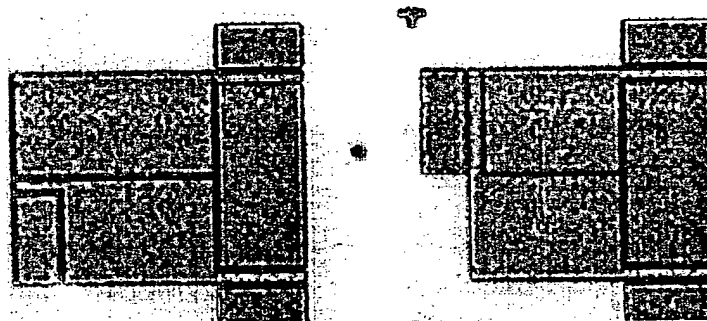


Figure 8. Fabricated miniature balun with integrated CPW to slotline transitions

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Figure 9 depicts a new circuit idea for realizations of a tunable broadband high efficiency push-pull HPA that uses BST capacitors to provide broadband tuning. Figure 10, illustrates a novel version of an H-bridge circuit suitable for MMIC implementation. This circuit topology is capable of producing higher output power when compared with the push-pull topology.

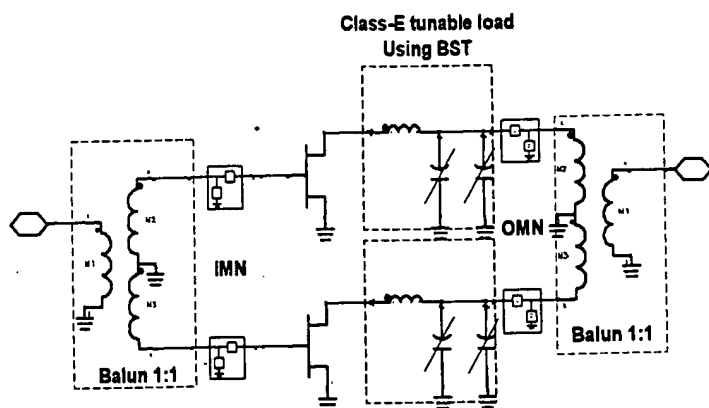


Figure 9. Tunable class-E push-pull HPA using BST tuning capacitors

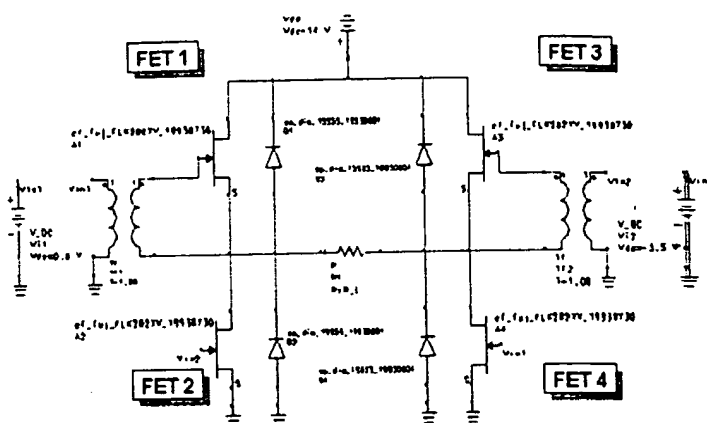


Figure 10. High power H-bridge class-E circuit

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